

SENATE BILL 1258

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,
relative to law enforcement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-301, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() "Indication of untrustworthiness" means an agency finding that requires the disclosure of the officer's behavior to defense counsel in a criminal proceeding during which the officer's testimony is required;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-302, is amended by deleting the language "dismissal, demotion, suspension or transfer for punitive reasons of a police officer" and substituting instead the following:

dismissal, demotion, suspension, transfer for punitive reasons, or indication of untrustworthiness of a police officer

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-304, is amended by deleting the language "dismissal, demotion, suspension without pay or transfer for punitive reasons" and substituting instead the following:

dismissal, demotion, suspension, transfer for punitive reasons, or indication of untrustworthiness

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-305(a), is amended by deleting the language "dismissed, demoted, suspended or transferred for punitive reasons" and substituting instead the following:

dismissed, demoted, suspended, transferred for punitive reasons, or indicated to be untrustworthy

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-309, is amended by deleting the language "dismissal, demotion, suspension or transfer for punitive reasons" and substituting instead the following:

dismissal, demotion, suspension, transfer for punitive reasons, or finding of an indication of untrustworthiness

SECTION 6. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to findings made on or after that date.